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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 25, 2004, Applicants respond
through their attorney as follows.

Restriction was required to one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group	Claims	Description
I	1-25	method of making the electroluminescent
II	26-61	electroluminescent product

Applicants elect Group II, claims 26-61, with traverse subject to the Rejoinder provisions
of MPEP 821.04. Group I is a method of using the product of Group II.

Election of Species was required among the following generic groups under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- A) Dielectric additives;
- B) Electroconductive additives;
- C) Phosphors;

- D) Functional Resins;
- E) Crosslinking agents; and
- F) Conductive Substrates.

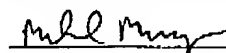
Applicants elect the following for each generic group with traverse.

Group	Election	Claims that read on the election
A) Dielectric additives	titanate	26-32 and 35-61
B) Electroconductive additives	antimony-doped tin oxide	26-37 and 42-61
C) Phosphors	zinc-sulfide based phosphors	26-46 and 48-61
D) Functional Resins	polyester	26-61
E) Crosslinking agents	isocyanate crosslinking agents	26-61
F) Conductive Substrates	steel	26-59 and 61

Under 37 C.F.R. 1.141, election of species can only be required when the number of species exceeds a reasonable number. In the corresponding PCT application (PCT/US02/32977), all of the species for each of the above groups were searched and examined at the same time. Because the number of species were capable of being searched and examined at the same time, it is respectfully submitted that the number of species for each group is a reasonable number of species. In particular for the phosphors, functional resins, crosslinking agents, and conductive substrates, there are only two or three species for each of these groups. It is respectfully submitted that all species should be examined in this application.

Should the Examiner have any questions about the above remarks, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

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